

REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST UPON THE LIVESTOCK STATISTICS OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE YEAR 1929.

I. SHEEP AND WOOL. 1. Number. The sheep flocks on

December 31st 1929 numbered 6,186,252 (7,079,947), decrease 893,695. These were classified as follows:— Ewes 3,194,504 (3,637,147), decrease 442,643; Wethers 1,854,347 (2,042,651), decrease 188,304; Rams 90,057 (98,447); decrease 8,390. Under 1 year old 1,047,344 (1,301,702), decrease 254,358.

2. Breeds of Sheep. 86.8 (89.9) per cent of the flocks were returned as pure bred Merino and 7.0 (5.4) per cent as Merino Comebacks, 0.7 (0.6) per cent as other pure breeds, (Corriedale, Shropshire, Dorset Horn, Lincoln, Romney Marsh, Southdown, Suffolk, etc.), and the balance 5.5 (4.1) per cent were returned as Crossbreds.

3. Lambing, 1929. During the year 1929 2,778,561 (2,918,594) Ewes were mated and 1,231,710 (1,545,438) Lambs marked, equal to a percentage of 44.33 compared with 52.95 for the previous year.

4. Winter Lambing, 1930. 2,407,000 ewes were reported as either mated or intended to be mated for the Winter Lambing of 1930. In addition 218,000 ewes were expected to be reserved for Spring Lambing.

5. Wool-Clip. 6,617,986 (7,247,099) sheep and lambs were shorn the total clip including locks, bellies, pieces, etc. being 56,083,898 (63,729,419) lbs., being a decrease of 7,645,521 lbs. The average weight of fleece for sheep and lambs combined was 8.47 (8.79) and for sheep only 9.59 (10.10) lbs.

6. Total Wool Production. Subject to slight revision of fellmongered wool, it is estimated that the grand total wool production including the clip and wool fellmongered and wool on local skins exported was 67,300,881 (74,616,004) lbs., decrease 7,315,123 lbs. value £2,549,021 (£4,654,172), decrease £2,105,151, the average value per lb. greasy being 9.09d (14.97d).

II. CATTLE. All kinds 204,516 (263,016), decrease 58,500. Dairying Cattle 104,255 (108,969), decrease 4,714, classified as follows. In milk 75,574 (76,147), Dry 21,219 (24,998), and Heifers springing 7,462 (7,824). In addition there were 11,726 (10,598) other Heifers 1 year and over which are not included in the Dairying Total but which are possible additions to the Dairying Herds.

III. HORSES. 189,054 (205,865). IV. PIGS. 74,906 (62,723)

V. GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL AND LIVESTOCK.

During the year 1929 the percentage to the total of sheep outside Goyder's Line of Rainfall fell from 36.50 to 26.48. Cattle 41.87 to 27.02 and Horses 27.44 to 24.89. The numbers within and without the line for 1929 were Sheep 4,548,246 and 1,638,006, Cattle 149,246 and 55,270, Horses 141,992 and 47,062.

VI. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT BY LAND OF STOCK. The State gained 39,970 head of Cattle and 299,800 sheep and lost 2,552 Horses by transit of stock between States. The total interstate imports were sheep 402,348, Cattle 43,592, horses 910 and exports were sheep, 102,548 Cattle 3,622 and horses 3,462. Net exports of Horses to Oversea Countries 635.

VII. SLAUGHTERING. Sheep and lambs 1,242,835 (1,263,352), decrease 20,517, for export 1,568 (32,239), Cattle 117,806 (127,627), decrease 9,821. Pigs 96,449 (98,679), decrease 2,230.

VIII. TOP-DRESSED PASTURE LANDS. There was an increase during the year of 51,701 acres in the area top-dressed and of 2,672 tons in the manure used. The respective totals were 302,114 (250,413) acres, Manure used 15,701 (13,029) tons. In addition there were 99,701 acres of pastures previously top-dressed, but not during 1929.

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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

1. LIVESTOCK AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1929 IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 31ST, 1928.

Division	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	PIGS
	1928 No.	1929 No.	1928 No.	1929 No.	1929 No.	1929 No.
Central	1,447,426	1,444,896	79,113	77,718	60,024	40,065
Lower North	1,083,550	979,607	25,927	23,282	39,516	11,369
Upper North	802,786	475,910	15,697	10,914	13,488	4,215
South Eastern	1,289,436	1,419,304	31,778	32,324	13,875	7,531
Western	875,266	686,693	8,726	8,515	23,546	2,619
Murray Mallee	461,591	424,190	20,273	18,949	28,340	9,011
Total Counties	5,960,055	5,430,600	181,514	171,702	178,789	74,810
Outside Counties	1,119,892	755,652	81,502	32,814	10,265	96
Total State	7,079,947	6,186,252	263,016	204,516	189,054	74,906
Increase X	-	- 893,695	-	-58,500	-16,811	12,183

LIVESTOCK WITHIN AND WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL 1928 and 1929.

Year	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
WITHIN GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1927	4,515,286	59.87	160,524	50.75	159,037	70.99
1928	4,495,524	63.50	152,889	58.13	149,367	72.56
1929	4,548,246	73.52	149,246	72.98	141,992	75.11
WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1927	3,027,059	40.13	155,790	49.25	54,990	29.01
1928	2,584,423	36.50	110,127	41.87	56,498	27.44
1929	1,638,006	26.48	55,270	27.02	47,062	24.89

WOOL PRODUCTION.

Division	WOOL - CLIP			AVERAGE WEIGHT FLEECE		
	1928-29 lbs.	1929-30 lbs.	% Increase	1928-9 lbs.	1929-30 lbs.	% Incr.
Central	12,682,009	12,056,568	- 625,441	8.96	8.29	-0.67
Lower North	9,835,924	9,537,395	- 298,529	9.18	9.13	-0.05
Upper North	8,546,851	5,505,442	-3,041,409	9.21	8.80	-0.41
South Eastern	9,970,456	10,958,668	988,212	8.01	8.02	0.01
Western	7,091,457	5,311,284	-1,780,173	7.75	7.48	-0.27
Murray Mallee	4,159,445	4,060,726	- 98,719	9.26	8.96	-0.30
Total Counties	52,286,142	47,430,083	-4,856,059	8.68	8.39	-0.29
Outside "	11,443,277	8,653,815	-2,789,462	9.35	8.98	-0.37
Total State	63,729,419	56,083,898	-7,645,521	8.79	8.47	-0.32

Grand Total Wool Production (Clip, Fellmongered and on skins exported)
 subject to slight revision, 1928-29 74,616,004 lbs., 1929-30
 67,300,881 lbs., decrease 7,315,123 lbs.
 X Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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